

To: Schmittziel, Paula[Schmittziel.Paula@epa.gov]
From: McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa
Sent: Wed 8/19/2015 6:31:25 PM
Subject: New request: Epoch Times;

Paula – sorry to inundate you -

1. Did the wastewater from the Red and Bonita mine get pushed into the Gold King Mine?

This is from a statement we already sent out (approved by JIC/EOC) The Red and Bonita has been fully assessed and does not have mine

workings that are hydraulically connected to the Gold King Mine.

2. What prompted the assessment - Was this a routine thing, consistent with the EPA's efforts to clean up other mines in the area?

This is from the fact sheet info taken from our website to create the history of GKM fact sheet:

Site Assessment of the area in the 1990s. The assessment showed that water quality standards were not achieved in the Animas River near Silverton and identified the severe impacts to aquatic life in the Upper Animas and its tributaries from naturally occurring and mining-related heavy metals. In recognition of the community-based collaborative effort, EPA agreed to postpone adding all or a portion of the site to the Superfund NPL, as long as progress was being made to improve the water quality of the Animas River. Until approximately 2005, water quality in the Animas River was improving.

However, since 2005, water quality in the Animas River has not improved and, for at least 20 miles below the confluence with Cement

Creek and the water quality has declined significantly. Impacts to aquatic life were also demonstrated by fish population surveys conducted by Colorado Parks and Wildlife, which found no fish in the Animas River below Cement Creek for approximately two miles and observed precipitous declines in fish populations as far as 20 miles downstream since 2005.

Because of this declining water quality in the Animas River, in 2008, EPA's Superfund Site Assessment

program began investigations in Upper Cement Creek focused on evaluating whether the Upper Cement Creek area alone would qualify for inclusion on the NPL. This evaluation indicated that the area would qualify, although after receiving additional community input, EPA postponed efforts to include the area on the National Priorities List. Since that time, EPA has continued and broadened its investigations of conditions at the site in order to understand the major sources of heavy metal contamination in the Upper Animas.

3. What was the deciding factor that led to the assessment on Aug. 5, 2015?
4. What is the plan going forward regarding the plethora of leaky mines in Silverton and throughout Colorado? Will Good Samaritans be deployed to continue the cleanup or will the EPA continue to lead the efforts?
5. A previous study indicates this mine was considered a high priority for clean up. When was the last time it was assessed? Were there any prior attempts to clean it?

From: Arleen Richards <arleen.richards@epochtimes.com>

Date: August 18, 2015 at 4:59:41 PM EDT

To: "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: Media Inquiry

Hi Robert:

I took a look through the information on the link that you sent me and I am still wondering what prompted the assessment. Was this a routine thing, consistent with the EPA's efforts to clean up other mines in the area?

My understanding is that there has been some differing opinions between the EPA, local government and residents over how the mines should be classified and the extent of the clean up. What was the deciding factor that led to the assessment on Aug. 5, 2015?

What is the plan going forward regarding the plethora of leaky mines in Silverton and throughout Colorado? Will Good Samaritans be deployed to continue the cleanup or will the EPA continue to lead the efforts?

A previous study indicates this mine was considered a high priority for clean up. When was the last time it was assessed? Were there any prior attempts to clean it?

Thank you for your assistance,
Arleen

On 8/18/15 10:45 AM, Daguillard, Robert wrote:

OK, thanks.

Would you do me a favor and go to www.epa.gov/goldkingmine? There's an FAQ in a link at the bottom of the page that I believe should answer at least some of your questions. Would you look at it and let me know which of your questions still need answering afterwards?

Please advise.

Thanks, R.

-----Original Message-----

From: Arleen Richards [<mailto:arleen.richards@epochtimes.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2015 10:39 AM

To: Daguillard, Robert

Subject: Re: Media Inquiry

Hi Robert:

Tomorrow (Wednesday) at 5pm.

Thank you,

Arleen

On 8/18/15 10:31 AM, Daguillard, Robert wrote:

Good morning. What's your deadline?

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 18, 2015, at 10:29 AM, Arleen Richards
<arleen.richards@epochtimes.com> wrote:

My name is Arleen Richards. I am a reporter with the Epoch Times newspaper in New York City. I read in other media reports that the EPA wanted to designate Silverton as a superfund site but residents resisted, fearing it would negatively impact tourism.

I am wondering if there was some legal intervention that resulted in the attempt to clean up the mine and also whether or not the superfund designation will be implemented? Has the state sought to have the mine listed on the National Priority List? Can someone also speak to the ongoing efforts to clean hundreds or even thousands of leaky mines in the state of Colorado?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Arleen Richards

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